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25X1 1. [redacted] about 200 T-34 tanks were parked in a woods west of Heilna at the troop training grounds of Kindel near Eisenach (L 51/H 76). There were about 90 rocket launchers, and an undetermined number of 122-mm and 152-mm artillery pieces and 45-mm AT guns on wood roads along the road to Eisenach. A Soviet officer stated that 40,000 to 50,000 soldiers were quartered in this maneuver area. [redacted]

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A column of 10 T-34 tanks and truck [redacted] were observed. 25X1C

2. Artillery pieces of 122-mm were seen emplaced on either side of the Gotha-Georgenthal-Tambach road, in the vicinity of the locality of Schwabhausen. The barrels of the guns were pointing toward Eisenach. Prior to the beginning of the firing practice, a captive balloon manned by two soldiers was raised. [redacted]

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3. A permanent telephone line ran from Ohrdruf to the Boxberg near Gotha via Emleben. [redacted] believed that a headquarters was located on Boxberg. Sedan [redacted] occupied by an officer, was identified on Boxberg. *

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